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(54) Recovery of oil from oil reservoirs

(57) This invention relates to a process for recovery of oil from oil reservoirs with assistance from microorganisms. More particularly, the present invention contemplates a method for recovering oil from a reservoir comprising increasing the population of endogenous microorganisms in said reservoir, said microorganisms having surface active properties, to a level sufficient to effect enhanced oil recovery.